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THORNBURGH WILL WORK TO PRESERVE TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 PRIMARY ELECTION DATE

Topeka, Ks - Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh today stated, *"I will work to preserve the Tuesday, August 6 primary election date. This is difficult due to the recent ruling by the federal court to move the filing deadline for United States House of Representatives to July 9 at 5 p.m. I believe it is important to keep the current primary date to prevent confusion among voters."*

"We will ask the court to expedite the process," Thornburgh said. "My office is currently reviewing our election administration calendar to determine how the new filing deadline will affect our ability to conduct an election on August 6. I hope to have a revised calendar in place later this week. We are required by federal and state law to meet certain deadlines pertaining to overseas military ballots, advance ballots and notification to the public of the election. We will ask the court to consider these deadlines when making their final ruling."

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Ron Thornburgh is the 29th Kansas Secretary of State. He was first elected to his first four-year term in 1994 and re-elected in 1998. Ron is a native of Burlingame. He graduated from Washburn University in 1985. Ron, his wife Annette and sons Grey and Tanner live in Topeka, where they are members of the First United Methodist Church.